



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Kimura, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/654,305
Filed	:	September 2, 2003
For	:	METHOD OF DETECTING A NUCLEIC ACID USING A FLUORESCENT GROUP- CONTAINING CARBODIIMIDE AS A LABEL (amended)
Examiner	:	Horlick, Kenneth R.
Group Art Unit	:	1637

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.